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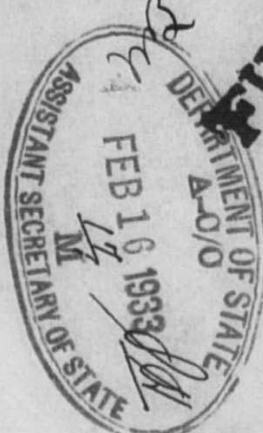
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DEVELOPMENT OF AEROPLANE SERVICE  
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Statistics of the passenger and freight traffic by aeroplane between Bengasi and Tripoli, the capitals of Cirenaica and Tripolitania, respectively, indicate a satisfactory development in the aeroplane service between the two cities, which was established just a year ago by the Società Anonima "Nord-Africa". The average number of passengers carried each month increased during the calendar year to such an extent that there were carried 281 persons in December on the twelve complete trips from Bengasi to Tripoli and vice versa.

The statistics of the passengers and freight carried during the second half of 1932 show that there was a gratifying increase in the traffic carried as compared with the volume in the first six months after the inauguration of the service. The following table shows the number of passengers, the amount of mail, the amount of baggage and the amount of merchandise carried during the period from January to June, inclusive, and from July to December, inclusive, of 1932, as well as the total for the entire year:

	<u>Passengers</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Mail</u> <u>( K I L O G R A M S )</u>	<u>Baggage</u>	<u>Merchandise</u>
January to June	1,176	3,505	13,274	6,312
July to December	2,480	6,402	17,941	10,341
Total 1932	<u>3,656</u>	<u>9,907</u>	<u>31,215</u>	<u>16,653</u>

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The aeroplane service between Bengasi-Cirene-Derna-Tobruk and return, which was inaugurated in September 1932 has carried sufficient passenger and freight traffic to justify the maintenance of this service. In the four months of September, October, November and December 1932 there was carried the following passenger and freight traffic:

<u>Passengers</u> <u>Number:</u>	<u>Mail</u> <u>( K I L O G R A M S )</u>	<u>Baggage</u>	<u>Merchandise</u>
217	350	2,412	600

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### Extension of Tripoli-Bengasi Air Line.

The Council of Ministers, at its session just referred to, also adopted an order authorizing the Minister of Aeronautics to extend the commercial and tourist air line between Tripoli and Bengasi as far as Alexandria, Egypt. The Tripoli-Bengasi air route has always been regarded as a trunk line destined to link up with transcontinental air services already initiated by certain European countries and to which Italy can, it is said, make a contribution of great value. It seems to be the official opinion that the opportunities offered for North African air routes,

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as a result of agreements recently reached between Egypt and Italy, make an extension to Alexandria imperative or most desirable.

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